

Please find below, Utah State Parks news for September 22:

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EXPLORE SOUTHERN UTAH'S STATE PARKS

Salt Lake City – As cooler temperatures settle into Utah, now is the perfect time to visit southern Utah's state parks. From the warm waters of Sand Hollow Reservoir and shifting sand dunes at Coral Pink to spectacular views from Dead Horse Point, fall is an ideal time to visit.

Join park staff for seasonal interpretive programs including searching for scorpions at Snow Canyon or learning the importance of preserving Indian artifacts at Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum. For a list of upcoming activities, visit stateparks.utah.gov/activities. Camping is available in most parks and reservations are recommended on weekends.

Northern Utah state parks remain open with most campsites available on a first-come, first-served basis after October 15. Some amenities, including water and restrooms are shut down for winter. Day-use facilities remain open year-round.

For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (877) UT-PARKS.

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**STAY ON TRAILS, SAFETY MESSAGES ENCOURAGED
DURING HUNTING SEASON**

Salt Lake City -- As hunters venture out this fall, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Specialist Ann Evans offers the following tips to reduce OHV impacts, protect big game and habitat, and improve hunting and recreation experiences.

- Know vehicle use regulations for your hunting area. Contact the local land management agency for OHV travel regulations and information before the hunt.

- Stay on roads and trails designated for OHV use. Do not contribute to resource damage, stress to big game, or habitat destruction by creating illegal travel paths, which others may follow.
- Have respect for other users. Slow down or stop the OHV when approaching others on the trail. When meeting equestrians, approach slowly, pull over and stop, turn off the engine, remove your helmet and ask how best to proceed.
- Limit OHV use in and around campgrounds. Be respectful of other campers' desires for quiet.
- Supervision by an adult is required for young hunters while riding or hunting.

For more information on OHV safety tips and education, please call (800) 538-RIDE or visit stateparks.utah.gov.

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City – As waterfowl hunters take to Utah's waterways, Utah State Parks Assistant Boating Program Manager Chris Haller reminds hunters about on board boating equipment requirements.

- Wear a life jacket and carry a throwable life preserver on board. All vessels greater than 16 feet in length must have a throwable device on board.
- Check your boat lighting and electrical equipment. Navigational lights are required on each motorboat. Vessels without motors must have a white light on board, such as flashlight or a lantern.
- Do not overload your boat. Capsizing and falling overboard account for 70 percent of boating fatalities.
- Vessels 16 to 40 feet in length must have a horn or whistle on board.
- Always operate your boat at a safe speed. Operate at less than 5 mph, without a wake, when within 150 of another boat, person in the water, or dock.

For more information or to take a safe boating course visit, stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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OPEN ACCESS PERMITS AVAILABLE FOR ANTELOPE ISLAND STATE PARK

Syracuse—Antelope Island State Park staff host an open island access event Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration takes place from 8 to 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot east of the entrance gate, followed by the permit drawing at 9 a.m. Identification is required for registration. Access is limited to 50 participants and cost is \$25 per permit. Those who receive a permit are not eligible for another one for the remainder of 2009.

This event allows visitors access to areas of the island normally closed to the public. Antler sheds found attached to skull plates must be investigated by law enforcement officers before removal. For more information, please call (801) 773-2941.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

September 21 – October 8 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum – Cedar City
Art Exhibit - Historic Photographs of Zion National Park: Enjoy 23 images from the Sherratt Library Special Collections representing the history of people and events in Springdale and Zion National Park over the past century. (435) 586-9290.

October 1 – November 30 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Art Exhibit: Palette Club of Ogden displays their artwork in the visitor center art gallery. (801) 725-9263

October 8 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding
The Hopi Connection: Join Micah Loma'om'vaya at 6:30 p.m. as he shares his Hopi history and connections with the Four Corners. Event is free and open to the public. (435) 678-2238

October 9 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Bats - Masters of the Night: Join Division of Wildlife Biologist Keith Day at 6:30 p.m. to learn about bats and their importance to our ecosystem. Don't miss this chance to 'see' their calls recorded on an Anabat detector. Space is limited and registration is required. (435) 628-2255

October 10 – January 1 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier
Art Show: Enjoy the watercolor paintings of Suzan Rasmussen, Shauna Alcorn and Lola Kartchner on display in the Sagebrush Gallery. Meet the artists Saturday, October 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. (435) 527-4631

October 10 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Star Party: Join Ogden Astronomical Society and Weber State University members for an evening under the stars. Participants can expect to enjoy beautiful celestial

views (weather permitting), and stellar conversation with local astronomers. Meet at White Rock Bay at 8 p.m. If you bring a flashlight, please make it a red-colored lens.
(801) 721-9569

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